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KOTZEBUE COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHING OPENING**

Commercial salmon fishing will be open for 4 hours from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m. Sunday, August 11 in the Kotzebue District.

Catch during Thursday night's 4-hour opening was 10,875 chum salmon by 43 permit holders. The commercial harvest to date is over 195,000 chum salmon. Last year by this date the harvest was 188,000 chum salmon and total harvest for the season was nearly 228,000 chum salmon.

Kobuk River test fish catch index continues to be strong with the total chum salmon catch index ranking second best in the 21-year project history.

If you have any questions concerning the fishery you can call the Kotzebue office at 442-3420, or the Commercial Fisheries office in Nome at 1-800-560-2271 or the buyer at 442-4192.